

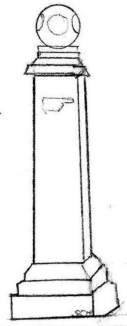
Telling Wiltonians where to go for over a year!

# THE BLINKING LIGHT

NOW MORE ILLUMINATING  
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018

## Thought for the month

Get the flu shot- Get the flu shot - Get the flu shot - Get the flu shot!



*As new years generally start out, hopes tend to be high for the coming months as we've all been through this Auld Lang Syne business many times before. This year however, there may be too many paradigm shifts bombarding us from all sides so perhaps it's easier to don myopic shades and not confront this year's fresh crop of sorrows and frustrations. It is not this editor's job to tell you to hold your head up high and cry "Havoc!" as you put your head down and take a run at the snow bank; but I'd like to gift you a philosophy from the heavy metal group Power Trip: "Get up, out of your cave and into the fire. Time's short, this is our last resort. To get through to you, what have I got to do? Who's going to be the difference? If not us, Then who? If not us, then who? Sound off. Take a look at your life, tell me to what do you aspire? I want to know how far you're willing to go. Can't stop the force of ruin, this world will run through you. If not now, then when? If not us, then who? If not us, then who?"*

## What's the Scoop for January/February? (beside a snow shovel)



January 17<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Leafing Through the Liberry  
WPC's Crafters in the Rafters  
Flower Prayer for Peace mandalas exhibit  
Adult Book Group  
January 20<sup>th</sup> - WPAC's Hear Our Vote March January 24<sup>th</sup> -  
January 26<sup>th</sup> - Contra Dancing  
January 28<sup>th</sup> - Pine Hill's Coffee & Candid Cantata  
January 31<sup>st</sup> -- Wilton After Hours Merchant Meeting  
February 16 & 17 - Pine Hill's "Circus Grimm"  
February 18<sup>th</sup> - Town Meeting with Rebecca Rule  
End February - Events at Copper and Wire  
General Info: Frye Mill Exhibit at Wilton's Historic Society  
Pick Up a Dilly of a Deal  
It Could Be Easy Being Green

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Helping to Make the Season Bright

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## Leafing through the Public Liberry

(Please don't tell me you need an address to find the only liberry in town. Sigh... but if you do, it's that big, beautiful building on 7 Forest Road and yeah, you need to get out more!)

Crafters in the Rafters – New time each week starting Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. We know it's chilly these days in the ol' troika when you're sleighing into town, so bring your knitting or crocheting and join folks who are crocheting up a thick comfy blanket for the grandkids, (and one for the horses, too?)

Flower Prayer for Peace mandalas by Linda Wyman - Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Katherine Schimke, of Copper and Wire Studios will be hosting an informative discussion about the history of mandalas, and an introduction to Linda Wyman as an artist. Her original works will be on display and exquisite prints will be available for purchase. Be inspired in a number of ways – in your heart and in your garden, for starters.

The Adult Book Group will be discussing two books about Sandra Day O'Connor (*Lazy B* and *The Majesty of the Law*) on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Be libelous! Snag your copy(ies) now and come back to share your thoughts. Wear the robe if you must, but leave the gavel at home!

### **The Wilton Peace Action Committee**

Especially important at this particular time, the WPAC's "Hear Our Vote: a Sister March" is planned for Saturday, January 20, starting at 11:30am on the Wilton Public Library lawn. Bring your "specially knitted" hats to stay warm. The march will proceed to the Main Street Park and then to the RiseUp Center in the Mill Building studios on Howard Street for more activities. For more info, get on-line at [actionnetwork.org/events/womens-march-sister-event-hear-our-voice?referrer=gail-proctor&source=direct](http://actionnetwork.org/events/womens-march-sister-event-hear-our-voice?referrer=gail-proctor&source=direct) link or call Gail Proctor at 654-6671.

More political awareness information: Steve Marchand, who is running for NH Governor, is on the calendar for a visit to our fair town on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Second Congregational Church Hall. The WPAC is extending an invitation to all voters, especially our 18 year olds(!) in the Hillsborough County Democratic 4-sister towns (Greenville, Lyndeborough, Franconia and, of course, Wilton) to come and listen to Marchand and start your political thinking process.

### **Contra Dance with Wilton's Own Sandy Lafleur**

Get out the crayons, Martha and mark your calendar for the start of the 2018 Contra Dancing season: Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. With live music and open to all ages (no experience necessary), Wilton's own Sandy Lafleur will be calling, instructing and leading the laughter. So .... 'hands four from the top' and get your new year-long schedule by contacting Sandy at [strumma@aol.com](mailto:strumma@aol.com).

*Music On the Hill*  
CONCERT SERIES

## **Coffee & Candid Cantata**


8-PIECE ORCHESTRA WITH PERIOD INSTRUMENTS

SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 28  
4-5 PM

All Bach, Performed by:  
HMS Alumna Lauren Nelson '02  
PH Alumnus & HMS Strings Teacher  
Andrew Koutroubas '08

Concert Series:  
March 17  
Saint Patrick's Day Celtic Concert  
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Proceeds benefit Wilton Police Association for the part they play as first responders in the NH opioid epidemic  
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### **Pine Hill's Coffee & Candid Cantata**

The 2018 Music On The Hill Benefit Concert Series continues on January 28 at 4 pm with Coffee & Candid Cantata, an eight-person orchestra playing sacred and secular chamber works by J.S. Bach on period instruments. Musicians include cellist Andrew Koutroubas (Pine Hill 2008 and current faculty) and violist Lauren Nelson (High Mowing '02). Orchestra members include Alex Johnson, Director, Harpsichord; Danilo Bonina, Concertmaster, violin; Job Conseca, violin; Alenca Donovan, violin; John Stajduhar, bass; Laura Hairgrove-Randall, transverse flute; Maddie Studt, alto voice; Shannon O'Leary, soprano voice; Samuel Grandaw, tenor voice.

The J.S Bach program includes: *Be Still, Stop Chattering!* a secular cantata – *Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B Minor* – *Widerstehe doch der Sunde*.

In addition, the Hilltop Cafe will be on-site to sell coffee, hot chocolate, and delicious pastries.

The Music on the Hill concert series aims to help strengthen and improve our local community. Toward that end, a portion of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Wilton Police Department, in recognition of their work to combat the statewide opioid crisis.

For more information: [www.highmowing.org/concertseries](http://www.highmowing.org/concertseries) or contact Pine Hill School Auditorium, 77 Pine Hill Drive, 654-2391. A suggested donation: \$25; children younger than 12 admitted free of charge.



### Wilton After Hours

Magic Mirror's Kathryn Rockwood will host the Usual List Of Suspects at the next Wilton After Hours get together on January 31st, at 5:45 pm at 34 Park Street. For more information contact her at 554-6208. The password this month is "Lemme in! It's freezing out here."

### A Circus! A Circus!

Pine Hill Waldorf School seventh- and eighth-graders, under direction of Movement teacher Julianna Lichatz, are pleased to present "The Circus Grimm". The two performances, Friday, February 16th at 7 pm and Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 am will feature middle-schoolers showcasing the writing of the story of this year's circus while incorporating circus skills (such as juggling, acrobatics, and unicycling) in the story-telling.

The 2018 Hilltop Circus is a family-friendly event open to the community. The admission is free, so bring a non-perishable donation of food to Wilton's Open Cupboard Food Pantry and you and your elephant get a bag of popcorn!

Since their Hilltop days, many Pine Hill alumni have worked professionally in the circus arts. Their accomplishments include managing local circus programs like Flying Gravity Circus, teaching circus arts at Pine Hill and High Mowing School, and touring professionally with Circus Smirkus, Cirque du Soleil, and other shows.

"A youth circus shares many of the qualities of a team sport with one major difference: everybody wins the game."



### Raise Your Hand for this Vote!

Get ready for Town Meeting with Rebecca Rule's "Moved and Seconded" at the Liberry on Wednesday February 21 at 7 pm. This humorous look at our annual exercise in government will keep you laughing, guaranteed. Snow date February 28. Call to let Pat know you're coming please. 654-2581.

### Copper and Wire

On February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm Copper and Wire Studio will host a meeting at the 1st floor to discuss forming a Riverview Mill Artists Committee. The meeting will be open to all artists and business owners at the RVM and interested folks in the community. Plans are to talk about the pro/cons and concerns of forming a working artists' committee and how it can benefit all concerned working with the town of Wilton.

Also – Kate Schimke of Copper and Wire is excited to be moving to a larger first floor studio within the Riverview Mill artists complex by the end of February! Stay tuned for the date of the celebration of their new open house! Now, they're open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-5 or by appointment. Contact Copper and Wire on Facebook, Instagram or at copperandwire.com – 33 Howard Street, White Building currently on the 2nd floor.

### Pick Up A Dilly of a Deal

The Wilton Main Street Association (WMSA) rented a booth at Pick-a-dilly's Pickins' (formerly Wilton Attic Finds) on Main Street to raise funds for the Association to further their mission to 'Promote a climate in which our Community is thriving!'. The gang will be donating their own precious gems and gold chunks to sell and invite all and sundry to chip in with their family heirlooms, the dusty stained Shakespeare mss, and that (other) tiny oil painting from behind your coal furnace. Or, if you're downsizing, this is a great place to bring your items.

Give Alison a buzz at 801-4642 and tell her about your piece. All proceeds will benefit WMSA which encourages everyone to shop at this, and other downtown businesses for a treasure .



### It Could be Easy Being Green

The Wilton Economic Development Team is recruiting for the new Town “Green Team”, a group of volunteers of any age who want to get involved in formal projects to tidy up, landscape and create new green spaces in the Downtown Village and surrounding town areas.

This is just one of 32 projects that popped to the top of the feasibility assessments conducted over the last two months. This particular initiative will address discrete projects like cleaning up Monument Park, landscaping Cooley Park by the town hall, designing the Riverwalk Phase 2 project by the Riverview Mills, addressing the landscaping requirements for the New Reservoir project, and many others the Green Team will help identify.

So far, a small, dedicated band of merry volunteers has been carrying some of the load. But if we’re to improve the streetscape appeal of downtown, make use of the precious open spaces and our natural river and water resources, we’ll need more people to make a contribution alongside our DPW staff.

*So what does it mean to volunteer?*

You can sign up for multiple projects or just the one(s) that appeal to you the most. And speaking of fresh air – here’s a deep breath of it: →Few meetings! Just approved project plans, so you know your contributions will make a difference and get results. Plus you get to celebrate the openings and completions with all your friends and neighbors. And think of how our young people can earn community service credits, learn about conservation and construction, and be able to look at their accomplishments and be very proud of what they’ve done to improve the town.

*OK, how do I get involved or make comments?*

Interested in joining the Green Team? Register today by sending an email to [ecodev@wiltonnh.org](mailto:ecodev@wiltonnh.org) or email or call [jenniferscottbeck@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferscottbeck@gmail.com) phone 654-5526 with any questions or comments.

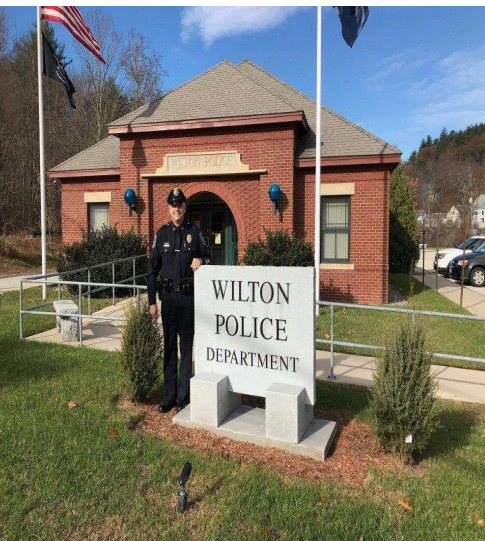
### What’s Past Is Happenin’ Now!

In case you’re new to this town, and want to get a feel of its rich and “textured” past, David Potter suggests you take the Tardis to the top floor of the Wilton Public Liberry where you’ll walk into the Wilton Historical Society and another era. Two of the three rooms are full of interesting objects and artifacts with the third room being a research room of “many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore”, documents, photograph albums, yearbooks, business ledgers, the minutes of long gone organizations, and scrapbooks and memories. When your interest is piqued, or if you’re working on your manuscript, the staff does its best to answer questions about Wilton’s history and provide resources for your challenge to Dan Brown’s next historical blockbuster.

This Month’s Featured Historical Exhibit is Daniel Cragin, a cabinetmaker, who, in the early 1860s set up shop on the present day location of Frye’s Measure Mill (which is still in business today). By the autumn of 1876, he had developed labor-saving machines powered by water and steam to facilitate the manufacture of the dry measures that were his mainstay. His dry measures are now on display in our museum, in half bushel, peck, 4 and 1 quart sizes. The Historical Society welcomes you every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 5, or on the first Saturday of every month during library hours or by appointment. Contact at [Historical@Wiltonlibraryn](mailto:Historical@Wiltonlibraryn),

### Looking Back

With many sincere thanks to Police Chief Brent Hutanen for his knowledgeable and positive involvement with our fair town, we were sad to say Good-bye as he began a new chapter of his life in the private sector. Aside from his police duties, the WCC was especially delighted by his cheerful cooperation in events like the Teddy Bear Parades – stopping traffic as the little “floats” wobbled their way to the Park or, in the second parade, allowing a cruiser to escort the bears up Main Street to the Liberry – giving the whole event a special elan. Small deeds like that are the mark of a truly good man and he will be missed by many. However – we now look forward to working with the new Police Chief, Eric Olesen, and wish he find his role to be an affirming and gratifying one in this welcoming community.



## Helping Make the Season Bright



On the afternoon of December 17<sup>th</sup> community members gathered to set out several hundred decorated luminaria, softly illuminated by candlelight. This annual holiday spectacle is a joint project of the Wilton Community Center and Wilton Main Street Association. Some of the bags were decorated at the Library Holiday Open House and nearly 200 were decorated by the art students from FRES under the direction of Art Teacher, Greg Lamers. They lined Main Street from the Fire Station to the Second Congregational Church, and along the new River Walk. Many sincere thanks go to Alene Candles which donated those sturdy-burners as the '17 season marked the 3rd year they were used. Many warm-wooly thanks to all the town volunteers who braved the cold to set up and light the spectacle. As Dennis Markaverich from the Town Hall Theatre might have said "It's A Wonderful Life" [photos by Sandy Lafleur]

Adding to the spectacle, Joe Broyles, Sandy Lafleur and two passing 7<sup>th</sup> graders (who escaped before we got their names), struggled mightily "playing" with 300 feet of recalcitrant writhing rope lights in order to once again set up the Spiral in the Main Street Park. What a job – but what a beautiful result. Taking up the spiral was considerably less so! These more durable rope lights were anonymously donated to the Wilton Community Center so the Holiday Spiral will be an anticipated annual event.

### Presenting Elizabeth Berg

Back last year on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Wilton Library hosted noted and prolific author Elizabeth Berg who shared excerpts from her latest release The Story of Arthur Truluv. The Toadstool Bookshop was on hand to offer attendees the chance to get this title and several of her other books which the author signed. The Friends of the Library had a wrapping table set up for those who purchased books as gifts. After the event there was an impressive spread of soups, breads and desserts set up for all to enjoy.

The WPL is one of Wilton's Best Sellers, thanks to the Library Trustees, and Library Director, Pat Fickett and her incredible staff.





## Gazing into the Future



### Saint Patrick's Day Celtic Concert

This March 17<sup>th</sup> event will be held in the Big Room at High Mowing and will feature local fiddlers and other local musicians in a fun and festive afternoon of live Celtic music. The concert will benefit the International Institute of New England which is supporting refugee settlements in New Hampshire. A worthy cause to dance for.

### The Souhegan Sustainability Fair

Roaring back by overwhelmingly popular demand: The Souhegan Sustainability Fair on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10- 4 at the WLC School. Get your company or your sustainable home-craft to take part in interesting exhibits, sign up for hall and vendor space, attend or give engaging presentations on recycling, up-cycling, myriad aspects of green living! There'll be a Farmers' Market, hands-on workshops, food for sale from local restaurants and live music all day! Not surprisingly, the admission is free and the event is family-friendly. We need your involvement to make it truly boffo, so if you're interested in participating in some way, vending or volunteering contact Sandy Lafleur at: [souhegansustainabilityfair@gmail.com](mailto:souhegansustainabilityfair@gmail.com). The event is proudly sponsored by the Wilton Conservation Commission.

(and talk about perfect timing.....)

### Earth Day Concert for the Beauty of the Earth

Though we'll hear a goodly bit more about this Pine Hill event in next month's thrill-packed episode of The Blinking Light, get ready for a chamber music event on April 20<sup>th</sup> that will be performed on period instruments. This time, proceeds will benefit the Wilton Conservation Commission (which, strangely enough, sponsors The Wilton Sustainability Fair). The program is expected to feature *Concerto Grosso* (op. no. 11) by G.F. Handel; *Concerto for two violins* (BWV 1043) by J.S. Bach; *Trio sonata in G* (BWV 1038) by J.S. Bach. The Musicians include Kevin Devin on harpsichord; Danilo Bonina, Nellie Jabotinski, Rebecca Nelson, and Job Fonseca on violin; Lauren Nelson on viola; and Andrew Koutroubas on cello.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the Pine Hill Auditorium with a suggested donation of \$25. Concert details will be updated at [www.highmowing.org/concertseries](http://www.highmowing.org/concertseries).

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